

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

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Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
GREAT AMERICAN TOY TEST	1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	SUNDAY, DEC. 16 OTO	24:00
THE OTHER HALF	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00
EXTRA	1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	24:00
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

EXTRA – A national syndicated program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs Monday – Friday, 1:30 – 2:00 PM.

THE OTHER HALF – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial and social issues. The show addresses several topics in one episode and follows an interview format with expert consultants and guests. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The show began airing 9/10/01.

NEWSCENTER 6 - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

GREAT AMERICAN TOY TEST – A national syndicated program that presents information on a wide variety of toy products for children of all ages. The show described the products' appeal, age appropriateness, educational value, and safety features or defects. The show followed a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths on different products. The show aired one time only in conjunction with the holiday shopping season Sunday, December 16, 2001, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

**QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2001**

1. CRIME / PENAL SYSTEM
2. EDUCATION
3. HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL
4. CONSUMER AWARENESS
5. GOVERNMENT / POLITICS
6. SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE / ENVIRONMENT
7. EMPLOYMENT / UNDEREMPLOYMENT / LABOR / ECONOMY
8. RACIAL / ETHNIC ISSUES
9. FAMILY ISSUES

***REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.**

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . OCTOBER

10/01/01, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

One of every three women in the world experiences domestic violence abuse in her lifetime in the United States. Today marks the first day of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, as professionals try to bring this situation to light. A representative from the Women's Help Center joins us now to tell us what each of us can do to change the statistics.

:45 – Live

Tracy Tredennick – Johnstown Women's Help Center

10/01/01, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

DRUNK DRIVING

There was a stern message from IUP tonight about drinking and driving. It's not just a crime; if you drink and drive, you can and will ruin lives. Julie Sidoni has more.

1:50 – Package

Janie McConnell – Lost son to drunk driver

Sgt. Guy Haberl – MADD Coordinator

Ann Sesti – IUP Coordinator

Gretchen Cassidy – IUP Student

Jamie Preskovich – IUP Student

10/08/01, 5 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

FOOD DEFENSE

The September 11th attacks in New York and Washington proved that major U.S. cities are vulnerable, but there's also a concern that U.S. farms could become targets. Here's Helen Chickering with more on guarding America's food supply from terrorists.

1:07 – Package

Larry Madden – Plant pathologist

10/10/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

DIAMOND MONEY

Terrorists are making money to pay for their attacks through all sorts of illegitimate and legitimate businesses. Landra Booker tells us about one kind of business that is supporting terrorists that may surprise you.

1:55 – Package

Rep. Tony Hall – Ohio

Sen. Mike Dewine – Ohio

10/12/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

CYBER TERROR

Other attempts to halt the next terrorist act include implementing proposed internet safety tools. Gov.Net, a multibillion dollar secure government-only internet is being given serious consideration.

:40 - SOT/VO

Erik Peterson - ISIS Authority

10/19/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

TERRORISM

After finding itself inundated this week with calls about suspicious packages and substances, Cambria County has launched a coordinated effort to fight terrorism. Lisa Stofko is following this story and joins us now live.

1:55 – Package

:16 – Live

Ron Springer – Deputy Director Cambria E.M.A.

Dr. John Karduck – Medical Director 911 Center

Chief Mike Huss – Johnstown Fire Dept.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW OCTOBER

10/19/01, 6:00 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

CYBER-TERRORISM

Keeping your password secret and not leaving a computer monitor unattended are just a few common sense tips to help avoid cyber terrorism. Although experts don't foresee serious service problems due to cyber-terrorism, the threat is very real.

:43 – SOT/VO

Dr. Raj Achray – Dean of Computer Science

10/30/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mike Majchrowitz

TERRORISM ALERT

Thousands of police agencies are on alert across the country that a terrorist attack may be just days away. Channel 6's Mike Majchrowitz has the latest on what's being done to prepare.

2:36 – Package

Tom Ridge – Homeland Defense

Ari Fleischer – White House Spokesman

Dr. Anthoney Fauci – National Institutes of Health

John Nolan – Dep. Postmaster General

CRIME OCTOBER

Extra 10/25/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment visits terrorism defense classes. Walter Philbrick teaches people of all ages and all walks of life methods of counter terrorism, 21st century style. Among his techniques are improvising from environmental weapons.

Show #: 8045

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW NOVEMBER

11/01/01, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

TERROR COSTS

All the added security tied to fighting terrorism comes with a price, even on a local level. The questions are, "How much and Who is going to pay for all of this? Lisa Stofko is working this story and joins us live with more.

1:20 – Package

:17 – Live

Lt. David Brunett – Battalion commander

Ron Springer – Cambria E.M.A. Deputy Director

11/02/01, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

PORNO PROTECTION

On-line child pornography cases have more than tripled in the last four years. But parents can establish an open line of communications to protect their children when they are surfing the net. Jen?

1:09 – Package

Tracey Dils – McGraw Hill Education

11/05/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

BOGUS BUCKS

560 Billion dollars in genuine U.S. currency was circulated last year. Of that, more than 250 million dollars in counterfeit money was reported. Although that is less than one percent of the total dollars out there, no one wants to get stuck with a bogus bill. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:15 – Package

Leo Fronczek – V.P. Information Systems

Kelly Nesbitt – Worker

Angie Hutchison – Executive Director of Security

11/15/01, 11 PM, Thursday Andy Gastmeyer

TERRORISM PROTECTION

Since Sept. 11th, questions about ways to keep safe in the face of terrorists are surfacing. And while it may seem farfetched to believe anything can be done in the face of extremists. In his special report, Andy Gastmeyer says there are some practical steps you can take.

2:04 – Package

Neil Livingston – Terrorism expert

Candace Meszaros – One Oxford Employee

Debbie Bascara – One Oxford Employee

Jeff Beason – Mellon employee

11/16/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

ANTI-TERROR

One of the most frightening and frustrating elements of bioterrorism is the possibility that an attack won't be detected until after people start showing symptoms. A coalition of hospitals in our area is working with the State Department of Health to better identify potential problems and improve communication with law enforcement. Lisa Stofko has more.

:40 – Package

:17 – Live

Patti DeFrehn, RN – Memorial Medical Center

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW NOVEMBER

11/21/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Andy Gastmeyer

PRISONERS WHO SUE

A recent investigation has uncovered more than 50 cases where prisoners got money because they sued the state. Each of those cases cost you, the taxpayer, money. The total payout since 1995 is more than one and one half million dollars. Andy Gastmeyer from our sister station Channel 11 in Pittsburgh has more in this special report.

3:00 – Package

Maureen Faulkner – Widow

Jere Krakoff – Abu-jamal's attorney

11/23/01, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Each year domestic violence claims thousands of lives. Most of them are women, and most of those women are white. In State College, police respond to calls often, and many times it is the same home over and over.

:34 – SOT/VO

Det. Brian Sprinkle – Ferguson Township Police Department

11/26/01, 11 PM, Monday Gina Redmond

DRUNK DRIVING

Every 17 hours, someone in Pennsylvania is killed by a drunk driver. How can you avoid becoming a victim? People who study drunk driving wrecks already know that offenders follow certain patterns. Knowing these patterns can help you decide when and where to drive. Gina Redmond from our sister station Channel Eleven in Pittsburgh has more.

2:23 – Package

Kristin Lauteri – Hit by drunk driver

11/29/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

SHOPLIFTING

Retail sales from Thanksgiving to Christmas mean big bucks for department stores. But it's also fertile ground for shop lifters as well. Sophia Wharton is live at the Galleria with a look at how they are preparing to deal with theft.

1:13 – Package

:13 – Live

Roni Bernardo – Boscov's Public Relations

CRIME NOVEMBER

The Other Half 11/05/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the issue of the effect of our genes on our personality. They try to determine if people are pre-disposed to criminal behavior due to their genetic makeup.

Show #: 1105-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 11/19/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment visits the issue of how terrorists get in to the United States. Security has been beefed up at airports with surveillance cameras looking for suspected terrorists, but now it appears that a lax of security along U.S. borders with Canada may afford terrorists an easy entrance to our country.

Show #: 8065

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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12/03/01, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

HIJACK RESISTANCE

A California man has developed a program designed to teach airplane passengers how to fight back against terrorists. Don Dietrich trains people to use ball point pens, briefcases or whatever they have to fight back against hijackers.

:39 – SOT/VO

Don Dietrich – Flight Watch

12/04/01, 6 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

SCAMS

It doesn't take much for a scam artist to make you into a victim. When someone poses as someone they're not, they can run off with your money or your prized possessions. Some scam artists are on the loose in Blair County. Their latest victims are seniors. How can you protect yourself? Eileen Teves is live in Altoona to tell us more.

1:02 – Package

:14 – Live

Robin Beck – Blair Senior Services

12/12/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

CAR THEFT

For the first time in ten years, car theft is on the rise. That means you need to take extra precautions when you park, even in a small town. Sophia Wharton is live in State College with more.

:50 – Package

Mark Allen – University Police

12/13/01, 5 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

DRUNK DRIVING

This holiday season, more family parties and more office parties mean more drivers likely to drive drunk. Local organizations are making sure this time of year is a safe and sober one. Eileen Teves is live in Altoona to tell us how.

1:07 – Package

:13 – Live

Janie McConnell – MADD Coordinator

12/18/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Blair County lawmen are making it clear that domestic violence will not be tolerated in our area. How do they plan to stand by their word? Eileen Teves is live in Altoona to tell us all about it.

:56 – Package

:11 – Live

David Gorman – Blair County D.A.

12/18/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

DRUNK DRIVING

The closer we get to the holiday, the bigger a priority it is for law enforcement to stop drunk driving. Before you say to yourself, "I've heard it all before," listen to what one mother is now going through to save someone else's children. Julie Sidoni has the story.

1:41 – Package

Dr. Jeffrey Runge – National Highway Safety

Toni Papas – Lost 3 children

Kevin Meenan – District Attorney

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . DECEMBER

12/21/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

RIOT PREVENTION

They may have thought it was going to be fun and games but those arrested in State College riots in recent years have learned some hard lessons. At least, that's what police and prosecutors are hoping, especially when it comes to preventing future downtown disturbances. Gary Sinderson joins us now live from State College with more.

:48 - Package

:17 - Live

Ray Gricar - Centre County District Attorney

12/24/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Brigitte Langmade

TERROR SCAMS

People across the country are donating their time and money to help those directly affected by the Sept. 11th attacks. Unfortunately, there are some who are trying to take advantage of people's generosity. Brigitte Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:54 - Package

Susan Grant - National Fraud Informational Center

Richard Cleland - Federal Trade Commission

12/28/01, 6 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

SHOP LIFTING

Twenty six billion dollars - that's how much stores lose each year because of theft. And some retailers feared the economic slump plus the trauma of Sept. 11th would make that even worse. How does this crime affect local retailers? Julie Sidoni joins us live with more.

:53 - Package

:13 - Live

Jeff Peters - Richland Township Police Dept.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION OCTOBER

10/01/01, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Anxiety and tension can take its toll during a big test day at your child's school. Standardized tests have become a way for our State and government to gauge our children's knowledge and abilities. But anxiety felt by the test takers can impair their capacity to think and perform on the tests. Jen Kallin has more.

1:00 - Package

Susan Virgilio - McGraw-Hill Education

10/03/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Whether it's meeting new friends or facing big league issues like sex and drugs, your child may carry a backpack of concerns when going to middle school. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:25 - Package

Ellen Galinsky - Families and Work Institute

10/05/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

TRAVEL SECURITY

Mid terms are over at Penn State and many students are heading home to visit their parents. They face travel in uncertain times. Let's go to Sophia Wharton live in State College to see how students are dealing with the issue.

1:10 - Package

:13 - Live

Joseph Giumarra - New Jersey

Channda Serrant - Philadelphia

10/16/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

LESSON PLAN

There is a demand in some high school classrooms for more answers. This generation wants to know the how and why we are in a new kind of war. While students want to know more, teachers are trying to meet those demands. Eileen Teves has more.

:47 - Package

Kim Shope - Social Studies Teacher

10/17/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

PLEDGE

Should every school day start with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer and meditation? One group of Pennsylvania legislators thinks so. But Gary Sinderson tells us that Constitutional experts and others have some problems with the idea.

:55 - Package

10/18/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

SCHOOLS / ANTHRAX

Our kids spend most of their time in schools. As parents, we hope our school's are taking action to prevent an unfortunate threat like anthrax in the classroom. What exactly is being done? Eileen Teves is live in Altoona with more.

:50 - Package

:12 - Live

Tom Bradley - Altoona School District Public Relations

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10/19/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

HOME SCHOOLING

More than one million children are home schooled. Some statistics say that they consistently score in the top percentiles on standardized tests. But for all that academic success, many educators feel that homeschooled children miss out on an important part of the school experience: friendships with peers. Here's Lisa Stofko with more.

1:24 – Package

Candy Scott – Mom

Dr. Peter Mustich – Educator

Susan Wise Bauer – Author

10/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CYBER SCHOOL

Will computers eventually replace teachers in classrooms? Cyber schools are a hot topic among Pennsylvania educators.

:31 – SOT/VO

Lucy Harlow – PA State Education Association

10/22/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

TEEN PREGNANCY

Nearly one million teen girls become pregnant every year in this country. Educators still disagree on what's the best way to reduce that number.

:52 – SOT/VO

Dr. Jay Yanoff – Medical College of PA

10/23/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

TEACHER TEST

Pennsylvania's Department of Education is turning the tables on our state's teachers. In the next two months, teachers from more than 40% of the state's districts will take a teacher assessment test.

49 - SOT/VO

Dr. Lonnie Luna - PSEA

10/24/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

COLLEGE LOAN CONSOLIDATION

Interest rate cuts are bringing joy to thousands of college students and their parents. For those who are borrowing money to pay for tuition, consolidating those loans now could save you thousands of dollars down the line. Jen Kallin tells us why it is the best time in twenty years to consolidate your student loans.

1:19 – Package

Carol Marie Crooper – Businessweek

10/30/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

CYBER SCHOOL COSTS

Money spent on cyber schools for each student not enrolled in public schools could lead to higher taxes for everyone. Those costs amount to more than 6,000 dollars for each cyber-student.

46 - SOT/VO

Dennis Younkin – Business Administrator

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10/31/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

GRAD STUDENT UNION

At Penn State, graduate students are stepping up their efforts to unionize. They're citing a recent court decision that backs their change-of-status at the university. With the latest developments in this story, here's Gary Sinderson, live from State College.

:17 - Live

1:25 - Package

Hank Rademacher - PSU Grad Student

Dave Jansson - PSU Grad Student

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11/02/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

CHEATING

Cheating in school isn't what it used to be. With today's technological tools, the possibilities are endless. That is a problem that both schools and parents can tackle together. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:50 – Package

Wendy Israel – Family Life Magazine

Melissa Sacks – Mother

11/12/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

TEST ANXIETY

Tests these days do a lot more than evaluate a kid's performance. For some, they also cause a lot of anxiety. "Parenting Magazine" has some tips for parents to help de-stress the tests. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:30 – Package

Garland Waller – Mother

Kyle Pruett MD – Psychiatrist

11/13/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

STUDENT VISAS

While soldiers fight overseas, lawmakers look to tighten visa status. Right now, they're seeing some gaps in how student visas are monitored. Sophia Wharton is live in State College with more on how this closer scrutiny will affect colleges.

1:14 – Package

:14 – Live

Varun Sambhy – Grad student – India

Jim Lynch – Director of International Students

11/19/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

LEARNING NEW SKILLS

While plants continue to shut down, and companies are laying off folks, many of those newly unemployed are turning to the classroom. Technology training schools like The Computer Learning Network in Altoona are seeing quite an increase in enrollment this year.

:41 – SOT/VO

Jay Strawmire – Altoona-Blair Development Co.

11/20/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

CYBER SCHOOLS

Imagine your child going to school without ever leaving home and actually getting an education. You've heard of home-schoolers but what about cyber charter schools? Officials at one area school district think it could go above and beyond reaching out to home-schooled kids. Eileen Teves is live in Altoona with more.

:55 – Package

:14 – Live

David Piper – AASD Asst. Superintendent

11/20/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

HARRY POTTER IN SCHOOL

Several parents of Catholic school children across the country have wondered if the Harry Potter book series is suitable reading. Many Catholic schools across the Johnstown-Altoona Diocese have the book series in their libraries.

:36 – SOT/VO

Sister Mary Parks – Spokesperson for Diocese

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11/20/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

TOBACCO FREE YOUTH

An estimated 90 percent of all smokers started as kids. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention report that nearly one third of high school students are smokers. As Lisa Stofko reports, anti-tobacco coalitions on the school front are attempting to make a difference.

1:50 – Package

Rachel Cook – Somerset Area High School

Molly Rocker – Portage Area High School

Mindy Rickabaugh – Prevention Specialist

11/20/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

DOLING OUT DRUGS

Each year in the U.S., about 17 million prescriptions are written for drugs like Ritalin, mostly for kids with ADHD, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. While most experts agree that the medication can be helpful for those in need, there's a growing debate between teachers, parents, and even law makers: should educators be the ones to recommend or even force the doling out of drugs in the first place?

3:23 – Package

Dr. Matt Masiello – Conemaugh pediatrician

Patricia Weathers – Mother

Dr. Lawrence Diller – Behavioral pediatrician

Rep. Lenny Winkler – Connecticut

Susan Azpillaga – Special Education teacher

11/29/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

SCHOOL BULLYING

A recent planning of a violent attack against a Massachusetts High School is drawing national attention to the problem of school violence. Violence often starts with bullying. Today, students at Westmont Middle School were exposed to an anti-bullying program designed to prevent tragedies.

:30 – SOT/VO

Allison Virus – Eighth grader

11/29/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Julie Sidoni

TEACHER EXIT

Pennsylvania produces one of the greatest numbers and some of the brightest teachers in the nation. Unfortunately, teachers are leaving Pennsylvania in growing numbers. How can we stop the exit of our teachers? Julie Sidoni reports.

1:20 – Package

Pam Cronauer – Graduating teacher

Dr. David Hayes – UPJ Education Division

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12/03/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

LUNCH CRUNCH

Academic needs and growing student populations have today's kids caught in a lunch crunch. As Lisa Stofko reports, it's a problem many parents may not even realize exists.

1:52 - Package

Wayne Vespa - Food Service Manager

12/05/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

FITNESS IN EDUCATION

It used to be a requirement. Now some schools don't offer physical education. Tonight we examine a pilot program that puts fitness first.

1:59 - Package

Paul Zientarski - Physical Education Health Director

12/10/01, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SPORTS & ALCOHOL

Teen boys who participate in sports in school have higher grades and are more likely to continue onto college. But, Jen Kallin tells us why these same teens are also likely to abuse alcohol.

1:12 - Package

Dr. Tom Schwenk - University of Michigan

12/13/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SPRINKLER INSTALLATION

New legislation is ready to be signed by the governor that will offer low interest loans to Pennsylvania colleges for the installation of fire sprinklers. But the legislation doesn't extend to off-campus housing, nor does it require that all college buildings have sprinklers installed.

:38 - SOT/VO

Tim Knisely - Fire Inspector

12/13/01, 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

HOLIDAY TRAVEL / FOREIGN STUDENTS

This year, traveling overseas takes on a new meaning. Since September, airlines have installed new policies that are affecting everyone, especially those traveling to the Middle East. Sophia Wharton is live in State College with more on how foreign students are dealing with this.

1:24 - Package

:13 - Live

Salman Ada - Saudi Arabia

Jim Lynch - Director of International Studies

12/27/01, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

CRAZY COURSES

You send your children off to college, confident they'll get the best education possible. But if you read some of the course titles at even the most prestigious universities, you might wonder what you're paying for. Some of them sound just plain silly. Could it be an ingenious way to get students to consider thought provoking subjects or are they simply crazy courses? Here's Marty Radovanic.

2:36 - Package

Dr. Larry Grossberg - North Carolina University

Susan Schwartz - Muhlenberg College

Dr. Charles Morschek - Drexel University

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL OCTOBER

10/01/01, 5 PM, Monday Deborah Ferguson

PROSTATE CANCER

A new procedure attacks prostate cancer with less pain and a faster recovery. Deborah Ferguson has the story.

2:00 - Package

Dr. Jeffrey Cadeddu - Urologist

10/02/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

FLU OR COLD

It's that time of year. One minute you feel fine, the next you have a fever, chills, head ache, and muscle aches. Don't mistake this for a cold. It could be influenza. Jen Kallin has the story.

1:24 - Package

Dr. Suzanne Bradley - University of Michigan

10/02/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

ACETAMINOPHEN

If your kids are on the popular pain reliever Acetaminophen, be careful. The American Academy of Pediatrics says you should get written instructions on how to give the drug to your children. Let's here more from the Pediatrics Department of Conemaugh.

:44 - Live

Matt Masiello - Memorial Medical Center

10/03/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

OSTEOPOROSIS

Osteoporosis is a disease that deteriorates bones. If it is allowed to progress unchecked, bones can break. By knowing more about the critical phases that can deplete bone mass you can help protect yourself against the disease. Jen Kallin has more.

1:15 - Package

Michael Kleerekoper - Wayne State University

10/04/01, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Kevin Soden

BRAIN DRAIN

People in their 20's usually complain about forgetting simple things like names and phone numbers. But the experts say that's when memory and mental energy first start to decline. Dr. Kevin Soden has the story.

1:04 - Package

10/04/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Teri Adler

BABY BOOT CAMP

Getting back in shape after having a baby is a tough job for many new moms. One group in Boston has come up with a novel approach to reclaiming their pre-pregnancy body. Teri Adler takes you to "Baby boot camp."

1:41 - Package

Maureen Saba - Maternal Health & Fitness

Laura Parks - Class member

Kim O'Brien - Class member

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10/09/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Kevin Soden

VOICE SAFETY

Cheering for your team can cost you more than your voice. If you're not careful, all that screaming can do some long term damage. Dr. Kevin Soden has some voice-saving tips.

:55 - Package

Dr. Arick Forest - Otolaryngologist

10/09/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

VITAMINS

Most people can get an adequate supply of vitamins if they have the proper calorie intake and maintain a variety of foods. So if you are taking a vitamin supplement, Jen Kallin tells us you need to be sure it is the right one.

1:32 - Package

Dr. Cheryl Rock - Professor

10/10/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Mat Garcia

ANTHRAX

If bioterrorists attack the U.S., one anti-biotic may be used as the first line of defense for civilians. Some people have tried to obtain the antidote now. But doctors and pharmacists are issuing a strong warning. Mat Garcia reports.

1:00 - Package

Felicia Middlebrook - Chicago resident

Paul Arnow, M.D. - Infectious disease expert

10/10/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

ANTHRAX DEADLY?

What is anthrax and why is it so deadly? Military personnel will tell you that anthrax is among the most serious of all biological threats. But even in its most natural form, anthrax is usually more dangerous to cattle, not people. To get more information on anthrax, Gary Sinderson talked to some experts at Penn State.

1:35 - Package

Bob Ryves - Organizing a petition drive

Dr. Bhushan Jayaro - Penn State researcher

Dr. Brenda Love - Penn State researcher

10/11/01, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Kevin Soden

ORAL CANCER

Every hour every day, someone dies of oral cancer. It's a disease that most of us know little about. Dr. Kevin Soden reports.

1:38 - Package

David Satcher - Surgeon General

10/11/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

STRETCHING

Stretching before exercise is a common way to get the body ready for action. But it turns out, stretching may not be as valuable as exercisers think. Here's Jen Kallin.

1:26 - Package

Dr. Ian Shrier - Researcher

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10/15/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CAMBRIA RESPONSE

Cambria County's Department of Emergency Services developed guidelines for responding to incidents involving anthrax two years ago, as a matter of policy and precaution. Today, EMA officials sat down to update those guidelines and formulate some new policies.

:55 - SOT/VO

Ron Springer - Deputy Director Cambria E.M.A.

10/15/01, 5 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

NAUSEA NEEDLES

It can help ease pain, and now there's evidence that acupuncture can help reduce nausea after surgery. A new study suggests the tiny needles may be better than the leading prescription drug. Helen Chickering has the details.

:42 - Package

10/16/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

NECK INJURIES

In many car crashes, doctors will immobilize a patient's neck to prevent neck injuries. Now, emergency medicine specialists in Canada say they have come up with a better way to tell whether a person has a neck injury or a broken neck.

:45 - SOT/VO

Dr. Ian Still - University of Ottawa

10/16/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

BREAST CANCER

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women. The fact is that one of every eight women is at risk of developing it in their lifetimes. Jen Kallin tells us that preventative measures are helping women beat the odds.

1:32 - Package

Tamara Damante - Family History of Cancer

Ursula Damante - Lumpectomy patient

10/17/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Elenora Andrews

EARLY DELIVERY

About 10 percent of all pregnancies result in an early delivery. But now new research may help doctors intervene earlier. Elenora Andrews reports.

1:04 - Package

Dr. Iams - OSU Medical Center

Peggy Snider - Expecting triplets

10/17/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Tracie Potts

CIPRO

It's the most wanted drug in America right now, Cipro - the antibiotic used to treat anthrax. People across the country are stocking up if they can and folks are even crossing the border to get it. But as Tracie Potts reports, officials say stocking up on this "miracle cure" can be a bad idea.

1:28 - Package

Alan Schnuer - Pharmacist

Dr. Martin Blaser - NYU Medical Center

Tommy Thompson - Health & Human Services Secretary

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10/18/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

SMALL POX

We haven't heard a lot about small pox in the last 25 years, but now as people prepare for the next wave of terrorism - some feel we need to have a plan in place. Sophia Wharton explains.

:55 - Package

George McCormick - Pediatrician

10/18/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Max Gomez

ANTHRAX & CHILDREN

Anthrax is very rare, and fewer than 250 cases have been reported in this century, none since 1978, until this month. There is virtually no modern medical experience with anthrax in kids. That said, doctors and pediatricians believe that pediatric anthrax should behave just like adult anthrax. Doctor Max Gomez has more.

1:43 - Package

Dr. Laura Popper - Mt. Sinai Medical Center

10/19/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

ANTHRAX DNA

As health officials buildup the national drug stock pile to handle anthrax outbreaks, researchers are working on new ways to prevent the illness. Helen Chickering has the details.

1:05 - Package

10/22/01, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

BREAST CANCER

According to the American Cancer Society, doctors will diagnose more than 192 thousand women with breast cancer this year alone. More than 40 thousand will die from the disease.

October marks National Breast Cancer month, and to make sure all women get checked for the cancer, the American Cancer Society is passing out vouchers. With more on cancer awareness month, and this program, we are joined live by a representative from the program.

:57 - Live

Kristin Davis - American Cancer Society

10/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

FLU SHOTS

Experts now say that the flu is a much bigger threat to your health than anthrax. Thousands of people will die this year alone. The flu shot is your best defense, but there may be a problem getting the vaccine. Helen Chickering has the story.

:47 - Package

10/23/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

HEARING TESTS

More than 30 states require hearing tests for all newborns. The hope is that the early diagnosis and treatment of hearing loss will lead to fewer disabilities as the child grows up, especially in speech development.

:43 - SOT/VO

Diane Thompson - Harborview Research

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10/23/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jennifer Kallin

JUVENILE OBESITY

Juvenile obesity has doubled in the past 30 years, becoming a major health concern. These children face, not only health problems, but social and psychological problems. Jennifer Kallin shows you how to keep your kids healthy and active.

1:26 - Package

Dr. Richard Parr - Central Michigan University

Margot Tatum - Overweight child

Nancy Tatum - Margot's mother

10/24/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Beth Fisher

ALLERGY PROOF

At least 40 million Americans suffer from allergies. Agents like dust and pollution trigger allergies which can also trigger asthma attacks. It is important to allergy-proof your home. How do you do that? Here's Beth Fisher.

2:00 - Package

Alison Kasner - Asthma sufferer

Dr. Victor Cohen - Asthma & allergy specialist

10/25/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TEEN ALCOHOL

Teen boys who participate in sports have higher grades and are more likely to continue on to college. But parents still have reason to worry. These same teens are also more likely to abuse alcohol. Here's Jen Kallin.

1:10 - Package

Dr. Thomas Schwenk - University of Michigan

10/25/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TEEN SMOKING

We've known for years that smoking is dangerous to your health. The problem is preventing teens from picking up the habit. According to one Pennsylvania official, we're not doing a very good job.

:47 - SOT/VO

Robert Zimmerman - PA Health Secretary

10/30/01, 5:00 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

HEART ATTACKS

About one and one-half million Americans have heart attacks each year, and almost a third of them die. Those who have suffered a heart attack know the importance of making the right lifestyle changes.

1:30 - Package

Jean Ferber - Wife of heart attack victim

Dr. Barry Franklin - Cardiologist

John Ferber - Heart attack victim

10/30/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Dr. Kevin Soden

CHICKEN POX

For most kids, getting chicken pox has been a rite of passage, and most parents considered it no big deal. As Doctor Kevin Soden reports, that's a big mistake.

1:08 - Package

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10/30/01, 6:00 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

FLU SHOTS

We've had a taste of winter weather this past weekend, and that means flu season is right around the corner. But this year, many Americans who wouldn't ordinarily get the vaccine are planning to offer up their arms. Christie Seibert joins us live now to explain.

1:04 - Package

:16 - Live

Dr. Louis Schenfeld - Memorial Medical Center

10/30/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

CIPRO DANGERS

The drug cipro is a household word these days. For the few people who have been diagnosed with anthrax, it's a saving grace. But some health professionals say that, for the rest of us, cipro can be downright dangerous. Julie Sidoni has more.

1:04 - Package

Dr. Luis Gonzalez - Pharmacologist

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The Other Half 10/01/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the latest procedures for women at risk for breast cancer. Dr. Susan Love provides valuable information for women to kick off Breast Cancer Month.

Show #: 1001-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 10/02/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, Dr. Jan, a licensed plastic surgeon, reveals the latest procedures for women interested in liposuction and discusses the pros and cons of these options.

Show #: 1002-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 10/10/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the latest diet scams and asks an expert nutritionist about the dangers of going on one of these fad diets. Advice is given for those seeking a way to achieve weight loss.

Show #: 1001-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 10/16/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines a terrorist weapon that could be much worse than anthrax. It's a virus called Smallpox that is highly contagious. One person can infect hundreds simply by breathing on them. Extra warns that the shots we received as children are no longer effective.

Show #: 8037

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 10/18/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines America depressed. Dr. Alan Schneider describes the unprecedented kind of trauma that has affected people in the United States as a result of the attacks of Sept. 11 and the anthrax problem. While the doctor reports that it is perfectly normal to feel scared and depressed during turbulent times, people need to be on the lookout for the more serious signs of depression, which he describes.

Show #: 8039

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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Extra 10/24/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines the relationship between tragedy and weight gain. Some folks are using a fork and spoon to deal with the emotional aftershocks of Sept. 11th. Dr. Heather Krell, a psychiatrist at UCLA, tells how people tend to go towards something that makes them feel nurtured and comfortable, along with happier. Unfortunately, this behavior doesn't necessarily lead to healthy eating. In fact, eating habits may become out of control.

Show #: 8044

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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11/02/01, 5 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

POWER OF PRAYER

In a recent Gallop Poll, nearly 80 percent of hospital patients said that they think praying with their doctor sped up their recovery. From small shows of faith to major miracles, it seems that spirituality and medicine are becoming more common companions these days. As Julie Sidoni reports, you don't have to look far to see it for yourself.

2:53 – Package

Rev. Guy Meyers

Dr. Jerry Gray – Windber Medical

11/02/01, 5 PM, Friday Elenora Andrews

EASY PROSTATE

Every two and one half minutes, a man is diagnosed with prostate cancer. Many choose surgery, but that can have many side effects. Elenora Andrews has a look at a new option for cancer patients.

1:06 – Package

Bill Geniella – Patient

Dr. Robert Bahnson – James Cancer Hospital

11/05/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

CALL THE DOCTOR

Oh my aching head, oh my aching legs, oh my aching back – These are phrases so many of us say all the time. Tonight, Channel 6 News begins a week long series looking at how you can deal with aches and pains. We start with your back. Jon Meyers introduces us to a woman whose back pain led her to seek some solutions.

2:25 – Package

Janet Delgado – Went through back surgery

Dr. Parley Madsen – Spinal problem specialist

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11/05/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

DOULAS

Childbirth can be both exciting and a little scary. Research suggests that having another woman there who is trained to see you through can make all the difference. Lisa Stofko has more.

2:09 – Package

Carla Price – Doula

Jennifer Glose – Mother

Mary Giles – Parenting Magazine

11/06/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

CALL THE DOCTOR

It's that pounding that feels like it won't go away, headaches. Tonight, Julie Sidoni explores what causes the pain.

1:32 – Package

Dr. Felix Brizuela – Neurologist

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11/07/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

CALL THE DOCTOR

Leg pain can really throw your daily routine out of whack. Getting around when the throbbing just won't stop is nearly impossible for some. If it happens to you, listen up. Jon Meyer tells us about some possible treatments that could help you stop saying, "Oh my aching legs."

2:19 - Package

Angelo Rolt - Suffered severe leg pain

Dr. Gary Kramer - Internal radiologist

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11/07/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

EAR INFECTIONS

Nearly everyone is familiar with the pain and discomfort of childhood ear infections; just about every child gets them. The question is, are we treating the problem effectively? Lisa Stofko has some answers in tonight's Parenting.

1:59 - Package

Carol Gendelman - Mother

Dr. Brian Gendelman - Pediatrician

11/07/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

FAD DIETS

Let's face it, who isn't trying to lose weight? Americans are obsessed with body image, and yet 60 percent of us are considered over weight. So millions of us turn to fad diets to shed pounds fast. Often though, the fat comes back. Are you tired of all the ups and downs? Here's the skinny on why fad diets don't work in the long run.

2:07 - Package

Dr. Barbara Rolls - P.S. U. Nutrition Professor

11/07/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

TERROR FEAST

Dealing with the stress of Sept. 11th now has people turning to pasta instead of therapy. Now American waist lines are expanding again. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:24 - Package

Linda Silveri - Fitness Director Athletic Club

11/08/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

CALL THE DOCTOR

Heart disease is the number one killer of Americans. It's also the reason thousands of people in this country are embracing a new kind of lifestyle. It's a program that carries the name of its founder, Dr. Dean Ornish, who insists that those that make the wholesale changes in lifestyle will see their heart disease reversed.

1:36 - Package

Sean O'Dowd - Windber Medical Center

Frank Gorgone - On the Ornish Program

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11/08/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

LIFESTYLE CHANGES

This is the time of year that lots of us overeat and leave our healthy diets by the wayside. Then come January 1st, most of us make resolutions to lose weight. Sound familiar? If so, you can stop the roller coaster ride now.

3:40 – Package

Paula Haugerud

Dr. Robert Eckel – American Heart Association

Dr. Barbara Rolls – P.S.U. Nutrition professor

Penny Kris-Etherton – P.S.U. Nutrition professor

11/08/01, 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

ECSTASY

Over the past year, we've showed you how the club drug ecstasy has made its way from big cities to smaller towns. In State College, police suspect that a Penn State grad overdosed on ecstasy. Now they're vowing to crackdown on this so-called club drug. Sophia Wharton is live with a look at the popularity and the dangers of ecstasy.

1:12 – Package

:15 – Live

Scott Merrill – Drug Task Force

11/08/01, 11 PM, Thursday Andy Gastmeyer

TMI EFFECTS

Tonight, a Channel 6 News Special Report on what many believe to be continuing health and environmental problems from the worst nuclear accident in the United States. Our investigation on the aftermath of the Three-Mile Island accident comes as researchers at the University of Pittsburgh are about to release a report dealing with the long-term effects of low level radiation. Andy Gastmeyer explains what he uncovered.

3:31 – Package

Ron Ward – Cancer survivor

Mary Osborn – TMI activist

Lori Dolan – Cancer survivor

11/09/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

CALL THE DOCTOR

With the events over the past two months, many of us are feeling the effects of stress. But how can you reverse the damage? Julie Sidoni explores your options.

1:22 – Package

Dr. Ray Hornyak – Conemaugh psychologist

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11/13/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

NO PERIODS

Many women dread their periods. Now, a number of medical experts say women can actually stop menstruation, at least monthly. But how does it work and how safe is it? Hear from the women themselves who have already said no to periods.

2:38 – Package

Dr. Freedolph Andrer – Gynecology expert

Dr. Patricia Sulak – Gynecology expert

Karen Matous – Stopping her periods

Kim Watts – Stopping her periods

Dr. Hilda Hutcherson – Columbia Presbyterian Hospital

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11/13/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

FIBROMYALGIA

It is often diagnosed by exclusion. Fibromyalgia Syndrome is a very complicated disorder characterized by widespread muscle pain, achiness, fatigue, and depression. Although we're hearing a lot more about it these days, there is no known cause or cure, and doctors' experiences with the treatment of the disorder varies greatly. For many sufferers, relief is hard to come by. Lisa Stofko explores two very different treatments in a Channel 6 News Special Report.

3:06 – Package

Carol Panasci – Fibromyalgia patient

Dr. Felix Brizuela – Neurologist

Mary Alice Williams – Fibromyalgia patient

Dr. Jennifer Gross – Chiropractor

11/16/01, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

INSURANCE CODES

You go to the doctor for the very latest procedure medicine has to offer. It might even save your life. But then you find out your insurance company won't cover it, leaving you to foot the bill. Why? It's because it does not have a special five digit code. No code means no coverage.

2:31 – Package

Joel Wiszniak – Dermatologist

Dr. Albert Ray – Pain Management physician

Dr. Donald Young – Health Insurance Association

Dr. Tracy Gordy – American Medical Association

11/19/01, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

ALCOHOL USE UP

Study after study has shown that a lot of people are facing depression right now. And where there's depression, there can be alcohol abuse. It's a double whammy that could knock down thousands of people in the coming weeks. Julie Sidoni is working this story and she joins us now live with more.

1:02 – Package

:16 – Live

11/21/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BIRTH CONTROL PATCH

You've heard about the nicotine patch. Now the FDA has given the okay for a contraceptive patch. It's called ortho-evra and it replaces a women's birth control pills.

:31 – VO

11/22/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

LAUGH CLUBS

There hasn't been much to laugh about since the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. But if you knew a good chuckle could actually make the world a better place and improve your health at the same time, would you do it more often? That's what members of the World Laughter Tour are hoping. They're all about a new trend that's taking the country by storm.

2:28 – Package

Florence Ditlow – Laugh Club member

Laraaji Nandananda – Laugh Club member

Steve Wilson – President World Laughter Tour

Saranne Rothberg – Laugh Club member

Dr. Jim Gordan – Alternative medicine

Matt Knutzen – Laugh Club member

Stephan Wischerth – Certified Laugh leader

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11/22/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Ken Speake

ACUBEADS

Every year, millions of Americans complain of headaches or back pain. Now a Minnesota doctor says he has an alternative solution to take the pain away. Ken Speake takes a look at if acubeads work.

1:25 – Package

George Kramer – Acubeads user

Frederick Strobl – Acubeads Developer

11/22/01, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SILENT THREAT

It's a virus that's already attacked more than 20 million Americans, and it can be deadly for women. In fact, it's considered the leading cause of cervical cancer. There's a simple way to detect this sexually transmitted disease. Yet, most of the people that have it don't know it.

2:20 – Package

Dr. Bonnie Dattel – American College Ob-Gyns

Dr. Linda Alexander – American Social Health Association

Darlene Wharton – Has HPV

11/23/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Anietra Hamper

HOLIDAY WEIGHT

If you feel like you stuffed too much food into your body yesterday, you may feel like losing a few pounds. The basic key to success is burning more calories than you consume. So, how can you find out how many calories you are burning during your day to day activities? Anietra Hamper has the answer.

1:31 – Package

Dr. Judy Loper – Nutritionist

Carrie Turner – Monitors weight

11/23/01, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

DANGEROUS MIX

They're the latest craze, so called energy drinks that pack a powerful punch. It's a billion dollar industry that's taking off nationwide. But some critics warn of the new trend that may be hazardous to your health: combining energy drinks with alcohol or exercise.

2:44 – Package

Dr. Gregory Stewart – Sports Medicine expert

Chris Rosenbloom – American Dietetic Assoc.

John Bello – Sobe Beverages CEO

11/26/01, 5 PM, Monday Doreen Gentzler

SMALL POX VACCINE

The CDC has about 15 million doses of small pox vaccine right now. That's only enough to vaccinate about everyone in Texas. That's why a few hospitals across the country are trying out diluted versions of the vaccine. But does it work? Doreen Gentzler has more.

1:48 – Package

Maria Bianchini – Smallpox study participant

11/26/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Eileen Teves

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CLONING

There's been a breakthrough in human cloning to help treat illnesses. Some researchers say it could offer some promise to millions suffering from diseases. But the issue is a controversial one. President Bush isn't the only one who opposes. Many religious leaders say the research takes another life away. Eileen Teves is live in Altoona with more.

:45 - Package

:14 - Live

Sister Mary Parks - Altoona Johnstown Diocese

11/26/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Elenora Andrews

COLD OR FLU

As winter approaches, so does the cold, and eventually the flu. But do you know how to tell the difference? Here's Elenora Andrews.

1:20 - Package

Kellee Patterson - Mother

Dr. Leslie Mihalov - Children's Hospital

Maria Blanchini - Smallpox study participant

11/27/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Kevin Soden

ORLISTAT

It's a proven fat buster for adults. But can orlistat help kids in their battle of the bulge and is it safe for them? Dr. Kevin Soden has the story.

1:35 - Package

Dr. Craig Jensen - Researcher

11/27/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Dr. Kim Mulvihill

STRESSED-OUT

With the holidays looming and only several months past the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11th, many of us are dealing with an unusual amount of stress. It can be overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Dr. Kim Mulvihill has some tips on how to survive stress.

:55 - Package

11/28/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

DIAGNOSE DEPRESSION

Each year millions of Americans suffer depression. In the last few weeks, psychologists have noted a sharp increase in clientele, due in part to September 11th. But waiting in long lines at the doctor's office isn't necessary. There are ways to self-diagnose. Sophia Wharton explains.

2:02 - Package

Dr. Steven Ragusea - Psychologist

Gina Villioti - Pittsburgh

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11/28/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

ANGIOPLASTY / NOT JUST FOR HEARTS

For years, doctors have used angioplasty to open blocked arteries in the heart. Now, they're using the same technique to help diabetics save their limbs from amputation. Helen Chickering has the story.

:51 - Package

Dr. Tim Tanke - Interventional Cardiologist

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11/28/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

KIDS AND CASTS

It can happen to any child, a fall that leads to a break that leads to a cast. But as Lisa Stofko reports, there are do's and don'ts that can help in the healing process.

2:00 – Package

Melanie Crisanti- Mother

David Fleiss – Sports Injury medicine

11/28/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Kevin Soden

ACNE

More than 17 million teens suffer from acne. And the skin condition can cause more than just blemished, it can effect self esteem and even cause depression. But the right treatment could make the difference. Dr. Kevin Soden takes a look at a new website that offers teens guidance about acne.

:58 – Package

Dr. James Leyden – Dermatologist

11/29/01, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

TONGUE PIERCING

A recent medical report finds that a 22-year old woman suffered a brain abscess as a result of a tongue piercing. Since it is such a popular trend right now, doctors are urging people in the business to inform their clients of the proper after-care procedures.

:42 – SOT/VO

Brandi Hockenberry – Receptionist

11/30/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

AIDS AWARENESS

Advances in meicine have meant that people infected with HIV are living longer and healthier lives. But that has others concerned that kids aren't taking safe sex seriously. Sophia Wharton has more.

1:07 – Package

Brent Frank – Executive Director

Kate Winer – Senior, Penn State

11/30/01, 11 PM, Friday Anna Holoman

FIGHT FOR SIGHT

Imagine not being able to see clearly, or there's something obliterating your vision. Low vision can be caused by one of several diseases like diabetes or an unexpected stroke. Hundreds of thousands of people live with low vision everyday. Anna Holoman shows us one man's fight for sight.

2:10 – Package

Jack Raines – Has low vision

Sharon Elliott – Occupational therapist

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The Other Half 11/05/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the issue of the effect of our genes on our personality. They try to determine if people are pre-disposed to bad behavior due to their genetic makeup.

Show #: 1105-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 11/14/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, the hosts examine the benefits of exercise with the Fireman's workout. This strenuous occupation requires good physical fitness for the performance of their daily tasks. The workout regime has benefits for those of every profession.

Show #: 1114-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 11/19/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the latest diet advice looking at food that revitalize your hair. The old adage "You are what you eat" appears true as food experts offer advice on how the foods you eat affect your hair and complexion.

Show #: 1119-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 11/27/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the issue of how health-conscious we should be. Now long ago, our culture seemed obsessed with health issues. Despite that, record numbers of people are suffering from heart disease and diabetes. The discussion centers on the question "Are we taking enough responsibility for our own health?"

Show #: 1127-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

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12/03/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

PAYING FOR ORGANS?

The American Medical Association is re-igniting the debate over paying would-be donors and their families for organs. The AMA's council on ethical and judicial affairs has recommended the Association support studies to determine if financial incentives would motivate more organ donations.

:32 – SOT/VO

Dr. Dewitt Kemp – Bioethics Committee Chairman

12/04/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

DIABETES

Diabetes effects over 16 million people in the United States. Research now proves that exercise can be an effective way to control and prevent this life-altering disease.

1:25 – Package

Dr. Sheri Colberg – Old Dominion University

12/04/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Kim Mulvihill

ANTIBIOTICS

There are new fears that the war on terrorism may be threatening the effectiveness of some of our most powerful medications. Dr. Kim Mulvihill has the details.

1:42 – Package

Dr. Jon Rosenberg – Dept. of Health

12/04/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

OSTEOPOROSIS

If you thought osteoporosis was something only women should worry about, think again. Men should also be concerned about this silent disease. There's more in today's "Smart Tip."

1:15 – Package

Dr. Mike Klerekoper – Wayne State University

12/06/01, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Kim Mulvihill

SEPSIS

Each year, more than 2-hundred thousand Americans die from something you've probably never heard of. It's called "Sepsis." It happens when infections get out of control. Doctor Kim Mulvihill reports on a new drug that's helping save some of those lives.

1:36 – Package

Maggie Lutz – Sepsis survivor

Dr. Sherry Wren – VA Medical Center

12/07/01, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

NUTRITION GAME

Trying to get children to eat right can be a huge undertaking. That's why a retired teacher developed a new game. It's something fun to entice kids to want to eat healthier. Barbara Morse has more.

2:02 – Package

Louise Bandari – Game creator

Alex Kubiski – Student

Donna Morelle – Principal

Sarah Colando – Student

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12/10/01, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SPORTS & ALCOHOL

Teen boys who participate in sports in school have higher grades and are more likely to continue onto college. But, Jen Kallin tells us why these same teens are also likely to abuse alcohol.

1:12 - Package

Dr. Tom Schwenk - University of Michigan

12/10/01, 5 PM, Monday Mary Ann Ahern

COMFORT FOODS

Perhaps you've noticed you're reaching for one more helping of mashed potatoes or creamy chocolate mochas. You're not alone. Since Sept. 11th, Americans are turning to comfort foods to help them deal with stress. Mary Ann Ahern has the story.

1:29 - Package

Celia Stribrny - Weight Watchers leader

Fern Szymborski - Weight Watchers member

Dawn Jackson, R.N. - Northwestern Health Center

12/10/01, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

MENTAL DISORDERS

It wasn't all that long ago that people with mental problems, some serious, some less so, were imprisoned for the rest of their lives. Things are getting much better, but a stigma is still attached to people who are depressed or act abnormally.

:50 - SOT/VO

Michael Faenza - National Mental Health Association

12/11/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

CRANIAL SHIFTING

For years, massages have been the key to relieving stress in our back & muscles. But there's a new trend in Hollywood, that of removing stress from the face and head.

:39 - SOT/VO

Terri Lawton - Cranial Sacral Therapist

12/12/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SMART SHIRT

The next piece of high-tech wizardry outfitting troops in combat may come in sizes such as 42 long or 44 husky. It's called a smart shirt and resembles an undershirt, but comes equipped with sensors, optic fibers, and other gadgets hooked up to monitor soldiers' vital signs.

:43 - VO

12/13/01, 5 PM, Thursday Eileen Teves

DRUNK DRIVING

This holiday season, more family parties and more office parties mean more drivers likely to drive drunk. Local organizations are making sure this time of year is a safe and sober one. Eileen Teves is live in Altoona to tell us how.

1:07 - Package

:13 - Live

Janie McConnell - MADD Coordinator

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12/13/01, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

CRYING

The mood of the nation has certainly changed since Sept. 11th. Now, more than ever, we're seeing people openly expressing themselves in public and that includes crying. Who's doing it the most? Is shedding tears actually good for you? Jen Kallin reports on the latest research.

2:25 - Package

Dr. Randy Cornelius - Crying researcher

Dr. Edward Cava - University of Miami

12/14/01, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

DRUG STORE GLASSES

You may have made it through your youth with 20/20 vision, but for most of us, time catches up and we need reading glasses. So do you have to pay big bucks for prescription glasses or can you save some cash by buying the generic ones at the drug store?

:50 - SOT/VO

Dr. Padma Nanduri - Ophthalmologist

12/17/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Ed Yeates

MEDICAL ALERT

The New England Journal of Medicine and the American Heart Association have released amazing news about artificial hearts. Ed Yeates has more in tonight's Medical Alert.

1:54 - Package

Reid Clark - L-Vad Patient

Bernie Calderwood - L-Vad Patient

Teri Schafer - L-vad Patient

Dr. James Long - Artificial Heart Project

12/17/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

DEADLY BLOOD CLOTS

This holiday season, nearly 54 million Americans will travel by plane, train, or car to visit family and friends. What many don't know is that all three types of travel pose a serious health risk for blood clots.

:35 - SOT/VO

Geno Merli, M.D. - Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

12/18/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Anna Davlantes

CHEEK LIFT

Plastic surgery isn't just for the rich and famous anymore. Lots of people are going beyond creams and chemical peels to get a younger look. Now there's a cheek lift surgery that's less painful and less expensive than a full face lift. But one doctor says you should be wary. Anna Davlantes has more.

2:03 - Package

Lina Jonynas - Cosmetic dentist

Dr. Allen Putterman

12/19/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

MILK VACCINES

Milk may be more than a good source of calcium. It may, one day, help solve the world's vaccine shortages. Helen Chickering has the details.

:47 - Package

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12/21/01, 11 PM, Friday Laura Skirdy

HOLIDAY STRESS

It is only a couple of days until Christmas, and if you're feeling some holiday stress, you're not alone. Laura Skirdy has some tips on how and why we should relax during this hectic time.

1:18 - Package

Beth Wineland - Works out to beat stress

Char Troyer - Registered Nurse

12/24/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Ed Yeates

ANGST

Since the Sept. 11th attacks, many Americans have been going about their business under a cloud of fear or uneasiness. It's a profound psychological burden that behavioral experts say the news media is helping to spread. Psychiatrists have a word for it - "angst." Ed Yeates has more.

1:42 - Package

Dr. David Tomb - Psychiatrist

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12/25/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

KIDS AND TERRORISM

The office of Homeland Security says it has to be prepared for terror attacks of all kinds, including bioterrorism. Now some experts are saying that children's bodies would be more at risk in such an attack. Brigitte Langmade has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:49 - Package

Dr. Joseph Wright - Pediatrician

Sen. Mike Dewine - Ohio

12/25/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

CAROL THERAPY

Has the holiday stress got you down? Well, here's an idea: hum your favorite Christmas carol. It may be the perfect prescription. Helen Chickering has more.

:55 - Package

12/25/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Kim Mulvihill

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

It's being called a medical milestone. We're talking about a test for cystic fibrosis. And it's the first widespread use of information learned from the human genome project. Dr. Kim Mulvihill has the story.

1:51 - Package

Dr. Denise Main - CPMC OB-GYN

Renato Frota - Jade's father

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12/26/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Elenora Andrews

ANGIO GUARD

There's heart help that could save thousands of lives. More than 850 thousand people undergo angioplasty surgery every year. But tonight, Elenora Andrews shows us a new device that can help prevent these patients from having recurring heart attacks.

1:34 - Package

Dr. Steven Yakabov - Cardiologist

12/27/01, 5 PM, Thursday Sally Jo Hoover

SPINE INSIGHT

For people suffering from back pain, turning to a chiropractor is one option. But many wonder if the treatment will help and just how much they'll need. Sally Jo Hoover reports on new technology that's taking the guesswork out of therapeutic care.

1:23 - Package

Dr. Kyle Lopez - Chiropractor

Larry - Back pain sufferer

12/27/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

HOLIDAY DIET

It happens every year, by the time New Year's Eve rolls around, we find extra rolls of fat right where we don't want or need them. So how can you get rid of it? Sophia Wharton found some suggestions.

1:04 - Package

Linda Silveri - Fitness Director Athletic Club

Jessica Glick - Philadelphia

12/28/01, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

ARTHRITIS DRUG

A drug that eases the pain of arthritis is proving to be an effective treatment for cancer patients. Helen Chickering has the details.

:53 - Package

Dennis Guttridge - Researcher

12/28/01, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Zoeanne Dreyer

PILL TO STAY AWAKE

It's a condition that will make you feel like you haven't gotten a good night sleep. Sleep apnea can even make you doze off through out your day. But there's a new treatment that may help you stay awake. Dr. Zoeanne Dreyer has the story.

1:30 - Package

12/31/01, 5 PM, Monday Sally Jo Hoover

IMPLANTABLE HEARING

Twenty million people need help hearing and connecting with the world around them. And for many, hearing aids aren't helpful. But Sally Jo Hoover has information about an implantable device that's changing the way people hear.

1:05 - Package

Judy Gray - Direct System user

Steve Hawkin - Audiologist

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The Other Half 12/04/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the issue of how to have whiter teeth today. They examine three different methods, comparing the effectiveness and the cost of each one.

Show #: 1204-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 12/19/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, the hosts examine the issue of surviving holiday stress. They discuss prioritizing activities and the need to eliminate unnecessary activities from a busy schedule.

Show #: 1219-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 12/21/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines the dilemma of losing those holiday pounds. Healthy cuisine and a quick shape-up can go a long way towards repairing the damage fast. Los Angeles nutrition expert Carrie Lot Wiatt provides a simple meal plan while fitness trainer Gunnar Peterson explains how to increase your workout to burn more calories.

Show #: 8094

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

The Other Half 12/31/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines facial exercises to keep your face in shape. Val Georgescu from Face-Val-U offers tips.

Show #: 1031-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

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10/05/01, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SMART SPENDING

No matter the job and how much money you make, poor spending habits can cause you to waste almost a third of your money. But you can achieve financial freedom by learning how to be a smart spender. Jen Kallin has some strategies to get you debt free.

1:22 Package

Amey Stone – Businessweek

10/10/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

INVESTMENTS

Despite all the investment opinions you may hear, the bottomline is no one's certain what the next few months will bring. If you're a small investor, perhaps the smartest thing you can do is sit tight and see what develops. Jen Kallin has more.

1:08 - Package

Amey Stone - Business Week

10/11/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

COSMETIC DANGERS

Kids will be kids and some will still climb into mom's makeup kit and play grown up. But are your cosmetics a danger to your little ones? The Consumer Product Safety Commission says there are some chemicals in makeup that could eventually cause death. Channel 6's Alison Burns has more from our Channel 6 newsroom.

1:50 - Package

10/12/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Alison Burns

AIRPORT SECURITY

If you plan on flying the friendly skies anytime soon, there's some disturbing news out of Washington tonight that you'll want to know about. Airlines may not be following government orders to screen all baggage. Alison Burns is standing by live now with more.

1:18 - Package

Jeff Gray - Passenger

Stacey Largent - Airline passenger

Rep. Ellen Tauscher - California

10/12/01, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

IRA's

We've heard of Individual Retirement Accounts, known as IRA's, but do we fully understand what our choices are? Tonight, Jen Kallin has the information you need to know before you choose your retirement account.

1:25 - Package

Virginia Morris - Author

10/15/01, 5 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

WARRANTIES

When you buy a lawn tractor, big screen T.V., washing machine, or even a vacuum cleaner, the salesperson will probably try to sell you an extended warranty. It can cost you hundreds of dollars extra, but are service plans worth the extra cost? Channel 6's Becky Thompson has the story.

1:10 - Package

David Heim – Consumer reports

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS OCTOBER

10/15/01, 11 PM, Monday Jay Patrick

WEATHERIZATION

October is Weatherization Month. That means it's a good time to check your home insulating systems. Experts say that investing in proper weatherizing now can save you up to 25% on your heating bills this winter.

:38 - SOT/VO

Barbara Keilman - CCCA

10/16/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

RESTRAINTS

We've got airbags and seatbelts to protect us from injuries in a collision, but what about head restraints? The Institute for Highway Safety just released a new study that shows how safe our restraints are. Becky Thompson has the story.

1:13 - Package

Adrian Lund - Institute for Highway Safety

10/16/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Parker

WARNING LABELS

They're popping up on products across the county, new warning labels on toys, dishes, and other consumer goods. But there's a problem. Some people say those labels are vague, and even scary. Lisa Parker has more on these mysterious warnings.

2:49 - Package

Linda Chruszch - Concerned consumer

George Chruszch - Concerned consumer

Dave Weiner - IL Public Interest Research

10/17/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

SPYWARE PROGRAM

There's a warning tonight that your computer games could be opening the door to online spies. But Channel 6's Becky Thompson tells you how to shut them out.

1:05 - Package

10/18/01, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

APPLIANCE REPAIR?

If your tv, refrigerator, or vcr goes on the fritz, you have to decide whether to repair it or get a new one. Sometimes products are worth fixing. Other times, repairs are just a waste of money. Channel 6's Becky Thompson has the story.

1:27 - Package

10/19/01, 5 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

QUICK COVERS

The makers of Saran Wrap are out with a new twist on wrapping up leftovers. They're called "Quick Covers." Do They work? Channel 6's Becky Thompson finds out.

1:19 - Package

10/22/01, 5 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

CELL PHONES

As many of you already know, thanks to cordless phones, you don't have to be tied to your home, waiting for an important phone call. But which one is best? Channel 6's Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to investigate.

1:18 - Package

Eileen McCooey - Consumer Reports

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10/23/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

BABY BUCKS

Having a baby can cost you big bucks, but it doesn't have to. Channel 6's Becky Thompson shows you how to save money when a baby comes along.

1:26 - Package

10/24/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

TIRE INVESTIGATION

Snow is in the forecast and many SUV owners will be relying on their tires to keep them safe. But the government has recalled millions of tires and continues its investigation of another 50 million. Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to put tires to the test.

1:31 - Package

David Chapman - Consumer Reports

10/24/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Eileen Teves

TRAVEL BARGAINS

With the holidays approaching, it is time to make travel plans. More than likely, many of you haven't, which is why travel agents are working with airlines and hotels to get the best bargains. But it could take some time before many of us are ready to travel. Eileen Teves has more on why there are reasons we should travel.

1:12 - Package

Jessica Crownover - Altoona traveler

Judy Damica - Travel agent

Mike Crownover - Altoona traveler

10/25/01, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

COMPUTER RECYCLING

Nearly 300 million computers will become obsolete over the next few years. It is hoped that many of them won't be thrown out but recycled. There are two very good reasons for this. Channel 6's Becky Thompson teamed up with Consumer Reports to tell us about those reasons and how a recycled computer can fit easily into your budget.

1:23 - Package

Carolyn Cairns - Consumer Reports

10/25/01, 11 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

RELIABLE BRANDS

A refrigerator is one of life's necessities, and it can cost you as much as one thousand dollars. So if you're shopping for a fridge, you'll want one that won't need a repairman anytime soon. Becky Thompson and Consumer Reports have teamed up to give you advice on finding a reliable brand.

1:30 - Package

Tobie Stanger - Consumer Reports

10/26/01, 5:00 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

PICKING AN ADVISOR

Do you know that you need a financial advisor, but are not sure how to choose one? Jen Kallin has advice on what qualifications to look for.

1:28 - Package

Rose Brown-Salek - LPL Financial Services

Virginia Morris - Personal Finance Author

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10/26/01, 5:00 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

FIREPROOF HOUSECOAT

Even if you've rehearsed your fire-escape plan over and over, there's still a chance of injury or even death if your house catches on fire. That's why scientists are working on the development of coatings that are fireproof. Becky Thompson has more on a product that could save your life.

1:48 - Package

Andy Kanavagh - Fire victim

John Oliver - Wessex, Inc. President

Dr. Joseph Koo - SW Texas State University

10/29/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

COSTUME COSTS

Halloween is just a few days away, and some kids have already done their trick or treating. Others will dress up and go door-to-door sometime this week. But in what? If you're still scrambling for a costume that's fun and affordable, Lisa Stofko has some tips to take the frightening expenses out of the ordeal.

1:43 - Package

10/29/01, 11:00 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

HEATING COSTS

Think about how much money it takes to heat your home in winter. Now take that number and add 40 percent more. That's how much you could be shelling out if you don't winterize your home before the cold weather hits. Julie Sidoni has some quick and easy tips in this Channel 6 News Consumer Alert.

1:10 - Package

Ken Salem - Cambria Hardware

10/30/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

BABY NURSERY

Setting up a baby's room is exciting for new parents. It can also be expensive. You can spend thousands of dollars, but you don't have to. Channel 6's Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to show you how it's done.

1:10 - Package

Mandy Walmac - Consumer Reports

10/30/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BB GUN RECALL

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is suing the Daisy Manufacturing Company, makers of one of the best known B-B guns in the world. Daisy is refusing to voluntarily recall its model 880 and model 856 powerline airguns.

58 - SOT/VO

Becky Mahoney - Victim's mother

10/31/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

WOMEN'S MONEY

A decade ago, investing seminars geared towards women barely existed. Now, they're all the rage. It's called "The New Feminism." Today, we tell you how women of all ages and incomes can seek information to help them make smart money moves.

1:30 - Package

Vickie Stevens - Seminar attendee

Amy Dunkin - Business Week editor

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The Other Half 10/11/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half determines when a sale is really a sale. They provide a consumer report with information for female shoppers to determine if they are really saving money when they buy items advertised as "on sale."

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11/01/01, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

GETTING EVEN

It's frustrating, and to some people, it feels like an invasion of privacy. In this Consumer Alert, Lisa Stofko has some tips to help you pull the plug on unwanted telemarketing calls.

2:03 – Package

Bruce Kieffer – Radio Shack manager

Joy Powers – Summerhill

Yvonne Watkins – Franklin Borough

11/01/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SURFING KIDS

Children may not realize it, but spending time on-line has a hidden cost, advertisers promoting products like never before. So how do advertisers target your kids? Jen Kallin has the answer.

1:19 – Package

Amy Dunkin – Businessweek

11/05/01, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

DRIVING UP INSURANCE

We all know how important good credit is if you want to buy a house or get a loan. But did you know a less-than-perfect credit report could drive-up how much you pay for car insurance? A new study shows that more insurance companies are hiking rates for drivers with spotty credit. That begs the question, "Does bad credit make a bad driver?"

2:36 – Package

Bob Hunter – Consumer Federation

Clarence Smith – Conning and Company

Jeanne Salvatore – Insurance Information Institute

Jimmy Katz – Driver

11/07/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

0% FINANCING

Another drop from the Federal Reserve could be good news for the car industry. It's already keeping factories busy as they offer zero percent financing. Something analysts didn't expect though, was the influx of trade-ins.

:40 – SOT/VO

Chuck Rider – Owner, Rider Auto

11/12/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Leah Spangler

CALL THE COUNSELOR

Did you ever make a purchase you ended up regretting? Here is something to keep in mind. In some cases, you can get your money back, no questions asked. Leah Spangler shows us how.

1:34 – Package

Dorothy Young – Johnstown

Barry Creany – Attorney General's Office

Cora Edmiston – Nanty Glo

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11/12/01, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

INTERNET BUGS

We all realize that we have to give up some privacy in the wake of terrorist attacks as officials work to keep us safe. But what about privacy on the internet? Do you realize that someone may already be watching you, even when you visit the personal websites of family and friends? It's all thanks to what technology companies call web beacons, what privacy experts call "web bugs."

2:18 - Package

Asim Ameer - Has personal web page

Brian Murray - Cyveillance

Scott Charney - Privacy expert

Emily Hackett - Internet Alliance

11/13/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Eileen Teves

HEAT ASSISTANCE

We know all too well how freezing temperatures could mean higher heating bills. With recent layoffs and a slumping economy, some are expected to ask for more help than ever before. So when the temperatures drop, where can you go for help? Eileen Teves is live in Altoona with more on a program waiting for you.

:48 - Package

:11 - Live

George Finch - Low-income energy supervisor

11/13/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Leah Spangler

CALL THE COUNSELOR

Want to save some money? If you own a home, your route to savings may be as simple as refinancing your mortgage. Interest rates haven't been this low since the sixties. Are you are good candidate for refinancing? Here's Leah Spangler with some expert advice.

1:54 - Package

Bruce Miller - Refinanced home

Bob Adams - Ameriserve Mortgage

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11/14/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

CALL THE COUNSELOR

The holiday season is almost here, and bills are likely to start piling up. In this slow economy, you may find your debts are becoming too much to handle. Tonight, Jon Meyer takes a look at ways to eliminate them in this Channel Six News Special Report.

2:23 - Package

Jeanne Meyers - Starford

Joe Ramirez - Johnstown

Frank Daku - Johnstown

Thomas Cartwright - Bankruptcy Lawyer

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11/14/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Julie Sidoni

CAR SALES

You've probably heard about those zero percent financing deals that some car companies have been running since September. It turns out that they're so successful, many of them have been extended. Julie Sidoni has the details.

1:30 - Package

Travis Mosholder - Watkins Chevrolet

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11/15/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

CALL THE COUNSELOR

It's among the most painful things you may ever be asked to do – planning a funeral for a loved one or friend. In many cases, it has to be done quickly with little time to consider the expenses involved. Channel Six's Gary Sinderson takes a look at the costs involved and what questions you should ask.

2:20 – Package

James Wetzler - Dean Wetzler Funeral Home

Marge Strand – Funeral Society

Art Silvas – Direct Caskets

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11/16/01, 5 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

DEBIT CARD DANGERS

Check your wallet. You're probably carrying an ATM card, and there's a good chance that ATM card is also a debit card. But as Julie Sidoni warns tonight, there are secrets about your debit card that can cost you.

1:57 – Package

Mark Shelhammer – Promistar E-banking

11/16/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

BEST TOYS

No doubt that your mailbox is stuffed with catalogues and inserts featuring the most popular toys of the season. Well, this year, one of Santa's helpers is "Parenting Magazine." Parenting tested over six hundred toys. Here's Lisa Stofko with more on what they found.

1:05 – Package

Mary Giles – Parenting Magazine

11/19/01, 5 PM, Monday Tom Vacar

GREAT AMERICAN TOY TEST

Your kids have probably given you their lists for the holidays. Now, it's up to you. So, what should you buy for Christmas? Here's Tom Vacar with some help from the experts to tell you what's hot and what's not.

2:10 – Package

11/19/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

TRAVEL DEALS

Thanksgiving week is usually the biggest travel period of the year. Obviously, September 11th had an impact on the travel world. Travel agents tell us there are still many people catching flights. As for last minute deals, there are still some cheap options for the end of this week, if you are flexible.

:40 – SOT/VO

Nancy Miller – Travel agent

11/20/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Tom Vacar

GREAT AMERICAN TOY TEST

What toys will keep your kids' attention after the big day? What toys will seem like a waste of money the day after Christmas? Tom Vacar continues our weeklong series with a look at the educational toys that have hit the market.

2:28 – Package

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11/21/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

CHILD'S PLAY

When it comes to child's play, toys are serious business. In fact, we spent nearly 23 billion dollars on toys last year alone. While old fashioned wagons, dolls, and action figures top a lot of holiday lists, a growing number of parents will pass them by. This year many moms and dads are heading straight for educational toys. But is that a good idea?

2:20 – Package

Kathy Alfano – Fisher Price researcher

Kathy Hirsh-Pasek – Temple University

George Scarlett – Tufts University

11/21/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Tom Vacar

TOY TEST

Black Friday is almost upon us. Many moms and dads will be hitting the stores looking for the best toys for the kids in their lives. Tonight, Tom Vacar continues his week-long look at the top twenty toys for this Christmas.

2:21 – Package

11/21/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

TOY SAFETY

As the holiday shopping season kicks off, parents beware. There could be hidden hazards on toy store shelves. So what are these potential hazards? How can you protect your kids from getting in to trouble in Toyland? Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:57 – Package

11/22/01, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

SURROUND SOUND

Suppose you've got the DVD, the state of the art TV, and of course the high-tech VCR. But something still seems to be missing from that home theater experience. It's probably the surround sound system that makes you feel like you're in the middle of the action. But which one gives you the best bang for the buck? Channel 6's consumer reporter Becky Thompson takes a listen.

1:18 – Package

11/22/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Tom Vacar

TOY TEST

Now we continue our week long toy test series. Tonight, Tom Vacar wraps up the top 20 toys that your kids will be asking for this year.

2:27 – Package

11/23/01, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

WIRED WARDROBE

Searching for a holiday gift for your favorite gadget guru? Why not get them walking in a wired wonderland? "E" clothes are hitting the malls across the country. Experts predict that the wired wardrobe is far from a passing fad.

2:24 – Package

Karen Koza – Apparel & Footwear Association

John Ordonez – Dockers.

Joe Bugni – Lee Jeans

Scott Jordan – Scotte Vest

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS NOVEMBER

11/23/01, 11 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

WAR EXCLUSION

The insurance industry is looking at a crushing 30-plus billion dollar loss for the Sept. 11th terror attacks. Officials say it is certain that number will grow. While there is no standard exclusion for acts of terrorism now, that could change. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:50 – Package

11/27/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

PHONE CARDS

More and more people are plunking down money for pre-paid phone cards. But are you getting what you pay for? Channel 6's Becky Thompson investigates in tonight's Consumer Report.

1:32 – Package

11/29/01, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

DVD PLAYERS

They are must-haves for movie buffs – state of the art DVD players. But what if you don't have big bucks to spend on a top-of-the-line machine? Becky Thompson takes a look at a handful that may not break your holiday spending budget.

1:51 – Package

Evon Beckford – Consumer Reports

11/30/01, 5 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

MINI STEREOS

Thursday we took a look at what's available for a DVD player. Now, Becky Thompson tunes in on the best values in ministereo systems in tonight's Consumer Alert.

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1:50 – Package

CONSUMER ISSUES NOVEMBER

Extra 11/21/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines the holiday travel situation. Airlines, cruise lines, and resort cities are serving up the bargains. Extra also offers tips on how to deal with the fear of flying in wake of the Sept. 11th attacks.

Show #: 8068

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

The Other Half 11/21/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half looks at why one size doesn't fit all. There are no absolute size standards in the garment industry, so consumers are cautioned to always try-on clothing before buying. Why men's clothing has more size consistency, women's clothing articles range from 2 to 4 inch differences in the same size.

Show #: 1121-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 11/23/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the fashion phenomena of the 1970's and asks the question: "Are those fashions back in style?" Can we save money by digging deep into our closets and bringing out the clothing we wore thirty years ago? The answer, with a little updating, yes.

Show #: 1123-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS DECEMBER

12/03/01, 5 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

MORTGAGE REFINANCING

Refinancing is one of the hot topics of conversations for home owners these days. That's because long-term mortgage rates are at their lowest level in three years. They could fall even more. As Becky Thompson reports, you shouldn't just go for any deal.

2:40 – Package

Tanya Frye – National City Bank

Rex Graham – Mortgage Broker

Bob Matson – Home owner

12/04/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

COMPUTER PROBLEMS

How many times have you had serious problems with your computer? Maybe it crashed or your hard drive dies. Maybe a virus has invaded the system. Either way, if you haven't backed up your files, you're in for trouble. Becky Thompson has some tips to help you out.

1:28 – Package

Deb Wood – Occupational Therapist

12/05/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Christie Seibert

NEW VIRUS

If you own a pc, you need to listen up. A new e-mail virus is attacking thousands of computers in homes and businesses with the potential to ruin your system. Christie Seibert joins us live now with more.

:52 – Package

:15 – Live

Neil Parker – Computer was infected

William Karson – President, APT

12/05/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Christie Seibert

HOW TO BUY A PUPPY

With the holiday season here, many of us are looking for that perfect gift. Sometimes a puppy fits the bill. But how do you make sure the animal you're buying is healthy and what recourse do you have if it isn't? Christie Seibert has some tips.

1:01 – Package

D. Black – Cambria County Humane Society

12/06/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BE PREPARED / LIFE INSURANCE

If you've been thinking about shopping for life insurance, stop thinking and take some action. In a world that's so unpredictable, it's always better to be prepared. There's more in today's Smart Tip.

1:45 – Package

Jeff Laderman – Businessweek

Tom Ackerman – Newly insured

Diane Tracey – Insurance agent

12/06/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

HOLIDAY SHOPPING / COULDN'T GET

This time of year, parents are often frustrated as they shop for the perfect toy. They aren't helped by trends in the industry that create added pressure. Sophia Wharton is live in State College with more on the pressure parents feels at this time of year.

1:02 – Package

Kay Emigh – Owner, Growing Tree

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS DECEMBER

12/07/01, 11 PM, Friday Brigette Langmade

HOLIDAY SHIPPING

With the continuing anthrax scare, are you worried about mailing your holiday gifts or Christmas cards? Will your packages even make it to their destinations on time? Brigette Langmade talked with some experts and has these tips to make your holiday shipping painless.

1:56 - Package

12/10/01, 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

TOY LIST

If your child wants a toy this holiday season that shoots, shouts, or promotes violence, psychologists speaking in the nation's capitol say you should just say "no." The Lion and Lamb project released its annual list of the dirty dozen toys to avoid today. Alison Burns has the details from Washington D.C.

1:47 - Package

Daphne White - Lion & Lamb Project

12/11/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

HOLIDAY SHIPPING

The spirit of giving can get expensive when you're forced to ship your gifts across the country. But there are things you can do to save on shipping this holiday season. Channel 6's Becky Thompson reports.

2:07 - Package

Tedd Wein - Mailboxes, Etc.

12/11/01, 6 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

LASER SURGERY

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are getting laser eye surgery, the elective procedure that reduces a person's dependency on glasses or contact lenses. But with the increase in popularity comes an increase in lawsuits related to malpractice. Is that the case in our region? Christie Seibert reports.

1:49 - Package

Dr. Dan Russell - Associates in Family Eye Care

12/11/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

JUNK E-MAIL

It's called spam, junk e-mail that can flood your on-line account. During the holidays, it increases by more than 600%. Julie Sidoni has more on what you can do about it.

:55 - Package

12/12/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BONUS CARDS

You sign up for a bonus card at your grocery store because they promise to save you money. But are you really getting a bargain? Stores say it's a way to promote customer loyalty; critics claim you may be giving up private information while getting no real savings. Jen Kallin checks out whether the cards are a real bonus or a bust.

2:39 - Package

Katherine Albrecht - Consumer advocate

James Watt - Bonus card opponent

Michael Sansolo - Food Marketing Institute

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS DECEMBER

12/12/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

RECALL SNAFU

Glass, mold, even oil are just some of the things that can end up in your food. And you may not even know about the danger. That's because, as Becky Thompson found out, important recall information is not getting to the public.

2:16 - Package

Paula Sansosti - Mother

12/13/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

ELECTRIC POWERED VEHICLE

As worries increase about our dependence on foreign oil, we also continue to drive bigger vehicles that consume more gas. Bout on the horizon is a new breed of vehicles that could someday make gas stations a thing of the past. With a preview of the future in transportation, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:05 - Package

:17 - Live

Zoltan Rado - Penn State Researcher

Joel Anstrom - Penn State Researcher

12/13/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

TOASTER OVEN RECALL

Sales of toaster ovens usually heat up around the holidays. Consumer Reports just tested nearly a dozen and found you don't have to spend top dollar to get a very good one. But first, there's one you'll want to avoid. Channel 6's Becky Thompson has tonight's Consumer Alert.

:56 - Package

12/14/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

WHEELED LUGGAGE

With tighter airport security and limited curbside check-in, wheeled luggage has never been more convenient. Just in time for holiday travel, Consumer Reports has tested bags of all sizes and found some real deals on wheels. Channel 6's Becky Thompson has tonight's Consumer Alert.

1:26 - Package

12/17/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

THE FINE PRINT

Most advertisements have it, fine print. But because it's too small, many of you may skip over it. But as Becky Thompson found out, you may want to get the magnifying glass out because there's some important information lurking in the small type.

1:35 - Package

12/18/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

GIFT CARDS / FINE PRINT

This Christmas, instead of running around trying to find the perfect gift, many of us are opting to pick up a gift card. Then the recipient can pick out their own gift. But as with anything else, it's buyer beware. You've got to read the fine print because not all of them are created equal. In fact, some may actually lose value if you don't use them fast enough. Christie Seibert joins us live with more.

1:13 - Package

:13 - Live

Barry Creany - Dept. Attorney General - PA

Roni Bernardo - P. R. Manager of Boscov's

Tenley Frost - G.M. Bon-Ton

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12/18/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

CREDIT CARD OFFERS

Imagine getting a credit card, only to find out you can't use it in any stores. That's what happened to a Pennsylvania woman. The piece of plastic looks like a credit card, but if you look closer, there's no bank name on it. Channel 6's Becky Thompson has a closer look at the so-called credit card offer.

1:22 - Package

12/20/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Corey Greenberg

MP3 Player

There's only four shopping days until Christmas, and an MP3 player may be on your list. But Corey Greenberg has a look at a few that you might want to think twice about.

2:04 - Package

12/21/01, 11 PM, Friday Eileen Teves

LAST-MINUTE SHIPPING

If you're a last-minute shipper, it's no secret that it could cost you a fortune to send out your packages in time for Christmas morning. Eileen Teves has more on what you need to know before you mail out your presents.

1:06 - Package

Bonnie Horton - Postal Express

Patricia Eanes - Customer

12/24/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

NO POSTAGE

We never use to think twice about the mail. But with the anthrax scare, we are being forced to find new ways of communicating. No longer are we using "snail mail." Companies and people are jumping on-line. How will the "no postage necessary" way of life affect you? Marty Radovanic takes a look.

2:42 - Package

John Barnhill - USA Direct

David Kenny - Chairman Digtas

Paul Burnham - Uses online billing

12/25/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SURVIVAL TRAINING

Killing your own food, sleeping on the ground, making your own fire without matches, does any of this sound appealing to you? Since 9-1-1- a growing number of people think it sounds pretty good. Survival schools say the phone has been ringing off the hook from people who want to be ready to head for the hills or just plain rough it at home. Marty Radovanic has more.

2:35 - Package

Tom Brown - Survival instructor

12/25/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Victoria Lim

BATTERY TEST

No doubt that Santa delivered some toys today that will need batteries. To find out which brand lasts the longest, Victoria Lim put them to the test. She tested double a's, which are the most popular size. Here's what she found.

1:28 - Package

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12/26/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

NUCLEAR DISASTER PILL

We're surrounded by all kinds of terrorism talk lately. But both President Bush and Osama Bin Laden brought our worst fears to the surface recently when they talked about the possibility of a nuclear attack. Is there a way to protect ourselves? Thousands of families are scooping up so-called nuclear disaster pills. But do they work and should we all have them? Marty Radovanic takes a look.

2:45 - Package

12/27/01, 11 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The nation's retailers are counting on post-Christmas shoppers this week to give them a big boost. As Alison Burns reports, you may be seeing bargains like you've never seen before.

1:38 - Package

Scott Krugman - National Retail Federation

12/28/01, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CARD SHARKS

If you pride yourself at being a good card player, you may want to consider playing the stock market. You can be a consistent winner with some card playing strategies. We have those strategies in tonight's Smart Tip.

1:25 - Package

Peter Navarro - Author

12/28/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

BOOK BARGAINS

Books are one of the most popular gifts given. And if you know where to shop, you can get them for a lot less. Channel 6's Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to tell you about the best deals in cyberspace and around town.

1:10 - Package

Todd Marks - Consumer Reports

12/28/01, 11 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

GUARD YOUR CARDS

In tonight's Consumer Alert, we have ten tips to help you guard your credit cards and protect your account information. Here's Julie Sidoni.

1:31 - Package

CONSUMER ISSUES DECEMBER

The Other Half 12/12/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the pet products we use to get our pets to do what we want them to. There are products available to help with all kinds of pet problems. Warren Edstein offers advice.

Show #: 1212-01 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Great American Toy Test 12/16/01

The show examines this year's wide array of toys, assessing the appeal, age appropriateness, cost, and safety factors.

Show #: 2001 Syndicator: Litton Syndication

The Other Half 12/17/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines the "do's and don'ts" of tipping. During the holiday season, many more people are going out. Author Mark Brenner offers advice on the etiquette of tipping.

Show #: 1217-01 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

Extra 12/19/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines the availability of holiday travel deals. situation. While the best deals available are overseas, Bob Kern of the American Society of Travel Agents says that if you are flexible, willing to travel off-hours, or go standby, there are still some great deals to be had.

Show #: 8092 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . OCTOBER

10/01/01, 11 PM, Monday Landra Booker

AFGHAN AID

Tonight the administration is promising a multi-million dollar package of relief from the United States to the thousands of people running from the Taliban. That announcement came today from the White House, just one of the latest developments in the war on terrorism. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:51 - Package

Richard Boucher - U.S. State Department spokesman

10/04/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

BAGGAGE CHECKERS

Should baggage checkers at major airports become Federal employees? That's the question lawmakers debated on Capitol Hill today. Channel 6's Alison Burns is standing by live in our Washington D.C. newsroom with more.

:14 - Live

1:35 - Package

10/04/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

LT. GOVERNOR OFFICE

State Senator Robert Jubelirer responded today to claims that he cannot legally become Lieutenant Governor. Fourteen state lawmakers say that it is unconstitutional for him to remain a Senator while becoming the State's second in command when he's sworn in tomorrow. Jon Meyer is live in Altoona with more.

:13 - Live

:48 - Package

Robert Jubelirer - Senate Majority Leader

10/04/01, 11 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

VICTIMS RIGHTS

The families of terrorist's victims may soon be able to legally attempt to make state sponsors pay the price for taking so many lives. There's an amendment working its way through Congress that would give victims' families the right to sue and collect damages from foreign governments that support terrorists. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:43 - Package

Rep. Chris Cannon - Utah

10/08/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

HOMELAND SECURITY

Today Gov. Ridge was sworn in as the first man to head a department on homeland security. Johnstown Congressman John Murtha has long warned about the threat of terrorism. Today, he talked with Jen Kallin about the challenges Tom Ridge will face in his new job as the Director of Homeland Security.

2:43 - Package

Rep. John Murtha - 12th District

10/18/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

ANTHRAX INVESTIGATION

In a move to reassure American, Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge and other Federal officials met in the nation's Capitol to brief the public on the investigation and anthrax exposures. Landra Booker has the details on just where those investigations stand from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:53 - Package

Tom Ridge - Homeland Security Director

Robert Mueller - FBI Director

John Ashcroft - U.S. Attorney General

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10/09/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

BIOTERRORISM

Lawmakers in Washington say we're a step behind the terrorists when it comes to the threat of biological or chemical attacks. Senators continued today to plot America's strategy in handling such a disaster. They say there is a lot of work to be done. Landra Booker reports from our Washington bureau.

1:53 - Package

Sen. Bill Frist - Tennessee

Sen. Max Cleland - Georgia

Sen. Jon Corzine - New Jersey

Sen. John Edwards - North Carolina

10/10/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

PROTECTING PENNSYLVANIA

Defending Pennsylvania from future terrorist attacks was the topic of discussion in Washington today. Sen. Rick Santorum and Governor Schweiker are emphasizing more readiness and help from the Federal government.

:50 - SOT / VO

Sen. Rick Santorum - Pennsylvania

10/11/01, 11 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

SMART CARDS

Imagine a piece of plastic that would get you through the airport faster and keep you safer at the same time. The government's recommending the use of so-called smart cards in the wake of the terrorist attacks. Brigitte Langmade reports from our Washington bureau.

2:09 - Package

Donna Farmer - Smart Card Alliance

Sarah Andrews - Electronic Privacy Center

10/26/01, 5:30 / 6 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

INTERNET FILTERS

To limit or not to limit access to the internet, that is the question for the Pennsylvania legislature. Lobbyists are pushing for the requirement of all public libraries to use filters on their computers. Sophia Wharton is live in State College with more.

:19 - Live

:55 - Package

Betsy Allen - Library Director

10/30/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

BIO-THREAT

The Postmaster General, postal employees, and lawmakers met on Capitol Hill today. They talked about what has been learned so far from the anthrax scare and about what needs to be done to better protect us in the future. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:51 - Package

Joe Lieberman - Connecticut

John Potter - U.S. Postmaster General

Denise Manley - Postal worker

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11/01/01, 5:30 / 6 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

AIRPORT SECURITY

The debate over airport security is raging on Capitol Hill at this hour. Who should be responsible, the government or the airlines? Channel 6's Brigitte Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:50 – Package

Mike Doyle – 18th District

Rep. John Peterson – 5th District

11/01/01, 11 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

BIOTERRORISM

The nation's public health system may not be prepared to recognize an outbreak of illness caused by bioterrorism. Now a Congressional panel is investigating whether or not America has an effective early warning system for a bioterror attack. As Alison Burns reports, the answer so far seems to be no.

2:03 – Package

Michael Wagner – University of Pittsburgh

Rep. Greenwood – Pennsylvania

John Russel – Quintiles Transnational

11/02/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Landra Booker

SMALL POX

First anthrax, What's next? Some experts say that the country may want to brace for small pox. But just how serious is the threat? That's what Senators wanted to know? Channel 6's Landra Booker has more.

1:00 – Package

James Leduc – CDC

Sen. Arlen Specter – Pennsylvania

11/02/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

STUDENT VISAS

In a effort to keep possible terrorists out of the country, the United States government is looking at changes in the Immigration and Naturalization Service. One of the areas they feel needs attention is student visas.

:45 – SOT/VO

Masume Assaf – Asst. Director of Foreign Students

11/06/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

CENTRE COUNTY ELECTIONS

Voters head to the polls for Election Day 2001. While there are statewide races, most of today's elections are focusing on local municipal contests. With more on Election Day in Centre County, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:07 – Package

:14 – Live

Francis Plozner – Long time voter

Jeff Beck – First time candidate

Timothy Callu – Long time voter

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11/06/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

CAMBRIA ELECTIONS

Here in Johnstown, we're keeping track of that important mayoral race between Republican Don Zucco and Democrat Allegra Rastall. So far, precincts around town tell us that the turnout is average. Jon Meyer has more.

:58 - Package

:13 - Live

Kathleen Panarella - Johnstown

Frank Panarella - Johnstown

11/06/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

ELK COUNTY ELECTIONS

The race for the position of Elk County District Attorney is up for grabs tonight. It's a heated race, but as Julie Sidoni tells us, it isn't exactly politics as usual.

1:43 - Package

Tom Coppolo - Elk County Assistant D.A.

Bradley Kraus - Elk County D.A.

11/12/01, 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

AIRLINE SECURITY

While officials say that there is no indication that today's crash was caused by terrorists, many in Washington say that it is still a reminder that Congress has yet to take steps to improve aviation security. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. office.

1:15 - Package

Jim Hall - Former NTSB Chairman

Darryl Jenkins - Aviation expert

11/13/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

TERRORISM TRIALS

He is public enemy number 1, but what would the U.S. do with Osama Bin Laden if they ever find him? President Bush signed an order regarding the trials of accused terrorists today. Alison Burns from our Washington D.C. bureau reports.

1:25 - Package

Dan Benjamin - Terrorism expert

11/14/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

AIRPORT SECURITY

The National Guard stationed at airports, more people checking your luggage, more money dumped into our nation's airports for security - Is this all working? Are you safer in the air now than before Sept. 11th? That's what the experts were looking at today in Washington D.C. Channel 6's Brigitte Langmade has more.

1:50 - Package

11/14/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Allison Burns

TERRORISM

President Bush declares what he calls an extraordinary emergency, which gives him the power to order military trials for suspected international terrorists. But civil rights groups say the order bypasses the U.S. Justice system and is unconstitutional. Allison Burns reports from our Washington bureau.

1:48 - Package

Gene Fidell - Institute for Military Justice

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NOVEMBER***

11/15/01, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

COMPROMISE ON SECURITY

President Bush may get that airline security bill to sign before Thanksgiving. Today, Congress announced a plan that will nationalize all baggage screening in the next two weeks and make all screeners federal employees in the next 24 months.

:45 – SOT/VO

Dick Gephardt – House Minority Leader

11/16/01, 11 PM, Friday Brigitte Langmade

AIRPORT SECURITY BILL

It's a done deal on Capitol Hill; both the House and Senate have signed off on the Aviation and Security Compromise. The bill, that will almost completely revolutionize airport security, is on its way to President Bush for his signature. Brigitte Langmade has more from Washington.

1:10 – Package

11/19/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Brigitte Langmade

AVIATION SECURITY BILL

The Aviation Security Bill is now the law of the land. But how will it affect you at the airport and in the skies? Brigitte Langmade has the details on the airport security crackdown from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:20 – Package

Norm Mineta – Transportation Secretary

David Stempler – Air Travelers Association

Chuck Hurley – National Safety Council

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12/07/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

STIMULUS BILL

Politicians in Washington are working to hammer out the details in the economic stimulus package, a spending bill that is supposed to help the nation as a whole rebound from the current recession.

:46 - SOT/VO

Sen. Rick Santorum - Pennsylvania

12/10/01, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

TAX BREAK

Pennsylvanian's could get a tax break this holiday season, that is if they choose to buy certain items. So far, the bill is passing through the Senate. Sophia Wharton is live with this story.

1:02 - Package

:13 - Live

Bob Layo - Chamber President

Mary Borkaw - Johnstown

Barbara Fisher - Somerset

12/13/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

ABMT PULLOUT

Today has been an historic day for the defense of our country. President Bush announced this morning that the United States has pulled out of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with Russia. Channel 6's Landra Booker is standing by live with more.

:16 - Live

1:26 - Package

12/13/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SPRINKLER INSTALLATION

New legislation is ready to be signed by the governor that will offer low interest loans to Pennsylvania colleges for the installation of fire sprinklers. But the legislation doesn't extend to off-campus housing, nor does it require that all college buildings have sprinklers installed.

:38 - SOT/VO

Tim Knisely - Fire Inspector

12/17/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

NATIONAL I.D.

The Sept. 11th attacks have prompted government officials to look for new ways to improve America's security. Some lawmakers are calling for all Americans to carry a national I.D. card that would help track people who may be suspected of a crime. But as Alison Burns reports, it's an idea that's generating a lot of interest and controversy in the nation's capitol.

1:46 - Package

Gille Lisimaque - Smart Card developer

Bob Levy - Privacy Advocate

12/18/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

REDISTRICTING

The future of Democratic Congressman John Murtha is in the hands of Republican State lawmakers. They're in the process of redrawing his district, and the result could include major changes. Jon Meyer is live with more on this story.

1:05 - Package

:12 - Live

Mark Pasquerilla - Murtha supporter

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12/27/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

MURTHA REDISTRICTING

Congressman John Murtha is in the midst of a political battle as State lawmakers wrestle with a plan to eliminate two congressional seats from the State. Redistricting is unavoidably controversial and political. Murtha has said very little about the issue until today. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:09 - Package

Rep. John Murtha - 12th District

12/28/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

JUBELIRER

A Commonwealth Court has ruled that Pennsylvania's Lieutenant Governor can keep his job as Senate President Pro Tempore. The court found that Jubelirer is not violating the Constitution by holding the two jobs at the same time.

:39 - SPT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelirer - 39th District

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10/02/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

AIRPORT SECURITY

In response to the Sept. 11th attacks, airport security nationwide is up. While people know they have to comply, this "super" security is hitting airport business hard. Our area is no different. Christie Seibert has the story.

1:22 - Package

Andrea Horton - Kitty Hawk Restaurant

Charles Pillar - Blair County Airport Manager

10/03/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Dr. Max Gomez

EMERGENCY KIT

As we learned on Sept. 11th, you never know when the unexpected can happen. So are you prepared for another emergency? Here's Doctor Max Gomez with a list of what you need.

1:08 - Package

Anita Foster - Disaster Worker

10/05/01, 5 PM, Friday Diana Gonzalez

BIO VACCINES

Since the attacks on America, we've heard a lot about bio-terrorism. But is there anything you can do to protect yourself? Diana Gonzalez has the answer.

1:48 - Package

Dr. Larry Baratta - Passport Health

Jacqueline Cattani - Center of Biological Defense

10/09/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

FIRE PREVENTION

It's a busy week for fire fighters. Area departments are gearing up for fire prevention week, making sure you and your family stay safe. One important tip they are stressing is "change the batteries in your smoke detector every six months." Fire experts say, now is the time.

:43 - SOT/VO

Dean Gindlespinger - Richland Twp. Fire Chief

10/10/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

AIRPORT SECURITY

A notice tonight for air travelers, you've got some new security regulations to take into consideration. On Monday, the FAA issued tips Monday for travelers. Most of the changes have been in effect since September 11th, but today they are official regulations.

:43 - SOT/VO

Tammy Heidelbaugh - Johnstown

10/11/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

COSMETIC DANGERS

Kids will be kids and some will still climb into mom's makeup kit and play grown up. But are your cosmetics a danger to your little ones? The Consumer Product Safety Commission says there are some chemicals in makeup that could eventually cause death. Channel 6's Alison Burns has more from our Channel 6 newsroom.

1:50 - Package

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10/12/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

FOOD INSPECTION

In view of the terrorist attacks, food inspection in the United States is coming under much closer scrutiny. Sophia Wharton is live from State College with a look at it.

1:03 - Package

:15 - Live

Dr. Robert Steele - Dean of Agriculture

10/12/01, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

ANTHRAX / POST OFFICE

Our local Post Offices are on alert and working to protect all of us. Postal officials such as Johnstown Postmaster Mike Hudak say you need to be on the look out for suspicious and unexpected mail.

:45 - SOT/VO

Mike Hudak - Johnstown Postmaster

10/16/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

RESPONSE TRAINING

Emergency workers are beefing up their guidelines regarding incidents involving anthrax. Today, fire, police, and EMS workers learned about protection against anthrax and what kind of equipment their departments need to have on hand.

:31 - SOT/VO

Frank Adamczyk - State Police

10/16/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

RESTRAINTS

We've got airbags and seatbelts to protect us from injuries in a collision, but what about head restraints? The Institute for Highway Safety just released a new study that shows how safe our restraints are. Becky Thompson has the story.

1:13 - Package

Adrian Lund - Institute for Highway Safety

10/16/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

FOOD INSPECTION

According to President Bush, America's response to terrorism will be thorough. That includes the agricultural industry, where they are already on alert. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:20 - Package

David Wolfgang, VMD - Field Studies Director

Chris Cole - Centre Hall Farm Store

10/17/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

DOWN TIME

With all the stress and packed schedules to deal with every day, how can you work in some time to relax? Jen Kallin has some suggestions.

1:26 - Package

Elana Levens - Working Mom

Judith Sachs - Preventative Health author

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10/23/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Anita Padilla

MAIL PROCESSING

Anthrax fears have prompted some people to consider other safety options when processing mail. Anita Padilla has more on how a technique used to kill bacteria in meat may be a weapon against anthrax.

1:39 - Package

Larry Oberkfell - Surebeam Corp. President CEO

Dr. Dennis Olson - Surebeam Corp.

Dr. Gene Ray - Titan Surebeam Corp.

10/29/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

DANGERS IN THE WOODS

Archers are dressing up in camouflage and florescent orange, out looking for the perfect deer. In less than a month, other hunters will be joining them looking to bag a buck. But there are health dangers that you need to know about before heading out to the woods. Memorial Medical Center wants to send out the alert.

:56 - Live

Dr. Michael Najarian - Trauma Surgeon

10/29/01, 11:00 PM, Monday Landra Booker

FOOD SECURITY

Flaws in the food safety system could make our food supply an east target for terrorists. That's what some scientists are warning Federal agencies. Experts say that since Sept. 11th, stepping up food safety has become more critical than ever. Landra Booker has the details from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:46 - Package

10/30/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

BIO-THREAT

The Postmaster General, postal employees, and lawmakers met on Capitol Hill today. They talked about what has been learned so far from the anthrax scare and about what needs to be done to better protect us in the future. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:51 - Package

Joe Lieberman - Connecticut

John Potter - U.S. Postmaster General

Denise Manley - Postal worker

SAFETY OCTOBER

Extra 10/26/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines just how scary this Halloween has become. With fears of anthrax, warnings about heightened alerts, e-mails telling people to stay away from malls, many communities are cancelling or discouraging trick or treat events. Experts say it is important to be safe, but Miriam Arond of Child Magazine says it is also important for parents and children to maintain traditions. Halloween safety tips are offered.

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11/05/01, 11 PM, Monday Landra Booker

CHILD SEATS

The parents of young children will be interested in this story. Doctors say that it is not enough to make sure kids in cars are in proper safety seats. They now say babies and toddlers on airplanes should be strapped in child restraint seats. Landra Booker has more from Washington.

1:47 – Package

Debra Murray – Parent

Joann Tyler – Grandparent

11/09/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

CELL INTERFERENCE

Since September 11th, people are keenly aware of the dangers that police and fire crews face. Now imagine doing that job with radios that don't work. Now 911 dispatchers, police, and firefighters across the country are having trouble talking to each other because of interference from cell phone towers. It could mean your call for help will go unanswered.

2:15 – Package

Jim Wolf – Police spokesman

Joe Kuran – Technical Systems manager

Roxann Brown – Project 39

Christine Loredó – Cell Phone Consultant

11/09/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

JUICE ABUSE

Apple, orange, grape, all are considered healthy forms of juice, but in moderation. Lisa Stofko has more on the risks of juice abuse.

1:50 – Package

Richard Spaphir, MD – Pediatrician

11/09/01, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

TERRORISM SAFETY PRODUCTS

There is no doubt that we are living in dangerous times. A recent poll shows that nearly half of all Americans are worried that they will be victim of a terror attack. With that level of fear, companies are pushing everything from anthrax survival kits to expensive air and water filters. But can these products keep your family safe?

2:40 – Package

Richard Cleland – Federal Trade Commission

Don Boetcher – Uses water filter

Jim Buffington – Envirotech Products

Craig Baker – Bestearth.com

Dr. David Stone – Infectious Disease expert

11/12/01, 11 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

BEHIND THE KITCHEN DOOR

How can you be sure the food you eat at your favorite restaurant is safe? Health inspectors check up on restaurants every year. You are one of the key watchdogs too. Jon Meyer explains as he goes "behind the kitchen door" in this Channel 6 News Special Report.

1:34 – Package

Dave Harteis – Restaurant Owner

Mike Grandinetti – Johnstown Health inspector

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11/13/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

DRY DANGER

Wind, no rain, and lots of leaves is a recipe for disaster. Fire is claiming thousands of acres state-wide this year, and forestry officials say the worst may be yet to come. Julie Sidoni is working this story and she's live in Richland with more.

1:07 - Package

:18 - Live

Robert Schweitzer - District forester

11/14/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

GUN SAFETY

Since the September 11th terror attacks, gun dealers across the country report a sharp rise in firearm sales, often to first-time buyers. More guns in circulation mean more opportunities for your child to come into contact with a gun. The question is, "Have you taught him or her what to do?" Lisa Stofko has more.

1:25 - Package

Christine Parisella - Mother

Mark Kehrhahn - Gun dealer

11/15/01, 11 PM, Thursday Julie Sidoni

SAFE DRIVERS

Who are the better drivers, men or women, and why? Since 1975, fatal crashes among women increased by 60 percent, but a report out by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety may put the breaks on some old ideas. Julie Sidoni tried to tackle this one, and she joins us live now with more.

1:18 - Package

John Dinkelman - Driver

Amanda Wilder - Driver

Susan Ferguson - Highway Safety Institute

11/20/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

TOY HAZARDS

You want your children to be safe. The problem is that some toys being offered this holiday season pose real health hazards for young ones. Sophia Wharton investigated some of the problem toys and is standing by live with more.

:55 - Package

:19 - Live

John Griffith - PennPIRG Advocate

Brittany Keeler - 5 & 1/2 years old

11/21/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

TOY SAFETY

As the holiday shopping season kicks off, parents beware. There could be hidden hazards on toy store shelves. So what are these potential hazards? How can you protect your kids from getting in to trouble in Toyland? Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:57 - Package

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11/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Eileen Teves

MALL SAFETY

Bringing the family and kids along to shop can be a great way to spend some time together. But what about keeping everyone safe? Eileen Teves is live in Altoona with a look at why mall security is especially important right now.

:57 - Package

:14 - Live

Lou Kanzleiter - Senior General Manager

11/23/01, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

DANGEROUS MIX

They're the latest craze, so called energy drinks that pack a powerful punch. It's a billion dollar industry that's taking off nationwide. But some critics warn of the new trend that may be hazardous to your health: combining energy drinks with alcohol or exercise.

2:44 - Package

Dr. Gregory Stewart - Sports Medicine expert

Chris Rosenbloom - American Dietetic Assoc.

John Bello - Sobe Beverages CEO

11/27/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

CIVIL DEFENSE

During the cold war, Americans lived in the shadow of nuclear annihilation. But does the civil defense system of old hold any protection from the threat of terror today? Lisa Stofko has more in a Channel 6 News Special Report.

3:02 - Package

Don Irwin - Educator

Ron Springer - Cambria EMA Deputy Director

Michael X. Hoover - Executive Director Cambria D.E.S.

11/28/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Barbara West

WAY TO MONITOR

What if you could buy a highly accurate anthrax detector? Well, many germ experts think putting mice or guinea pigs in public buildings might be the key to giving people early warning. Barbara West has more in this Channel Six News Special Report.

1:26 - Package

Dr. Eileen Gregory - Microbiologist